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SUMMARY: DR. GEMMA, REPRESENTING WHITE HOUSE MEDICAL ADVISER DR. EGEBERG FOR CCMS ADVANCED HEALTH CARE (AHC) PROJECTS, MET FRIDAY WITH COUNTERPART MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH (MPH) OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR FRENCH CCMS AHC PROJECTS. FRENCH RESPONSE WARM IN DISCUSSIONS OF MANY SUBSTANTIVE ASPECTS OF CCMS WORK, BUT FRENCH STRONGLY RECOMMEND IMPROVING CURRENT COMMUNICATIONS AND MANAGE-
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MENT PROCEDURES, URGING CLOSER COORDINATION, MORE

CAUTIOUS PREPARATION PRIOR TO SCHEDULING, AND COMMUNICATIONS THROUGH "PROPER CHANNELS," I.E., NATO FOR AHC.
END SUMMARY.

1. POTENTIAL NEW PROJECTS. REFERRING TO DR. EGEBERG'S LETTER (TO GOF HEALTH DIRECTOR DR. CHARBONNEAU, REF. A), DR. MARCEL TRAZZINI, OVERALL GOF AHC COORDINATOR, INITIATED MEETING BY NOTING THAT DR. CHARBONNEAU IS SUGGESTING A STUDY OF THE ROLE OF THE GENERAL PRACTITIONER AS A POSSIBILITY FOR A NEW PROJECT; DR. CHARBONNEAU HAS ALREADY SO RESPONDED BY LETTER TO DR. EGEBERG. DR. GEMMA DISCUSSED OTHER NEW-PROJECT IDEAS ADVANCED BY ALLIES DURING HIS TRIP. IN RELATION TO IDEA OF UTILIZATION OF "PHYSICIAN EXTENDERS," FRENCH NOTED THAT THEIR MAJOR PROBLEM IS NOT LACK OF PHYSICIANS, BUT INSTEAD A SERIOUS SHORTAGE OF NURSES, AND THAT THEY WOULD BE VERY INTERESTED IN SEEING THIS PROBLEM ADDRESSED. A PROJECT IN MENTAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION, PROVIDED IT WERE SUFFICIENTLY NARROWLY-DEFINED AND CLEARLY NON-CONFLICTIVE WITH WHO ACTIVITIES, WOULD ALSO LIKELY INTEREST FRENCH. CITING, HOWEVER, THEIR OWN LIMITED PERSONNEL AND RESOURCES, FRENCH INSISTED THAT NO NEW AHC PROJECT BEGIN UNTIL SOME OF THE CURRENT PROJECTS ARE PHASED OUT.

2. CURRENT AHC PROJECTS. DR. GEMMA PRESENTED BRIEF STATUS REPORTS ON PROJECTS FOR ORGANIZED AMBULATORY HEALTH SERVICES, AUTOMATED CLINICAL LABORATORIES, AND SYSTEMATIC ASSESSMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES. REPORTS WERE CLEARLY WELCOMED BY FRENCH.

3. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS). GOING INTO MORE DETAIL, DR. GEMMA EXPLAINED STATUS OF ACTIVITIES IN EMS PROJECT. EXAMINING CLOSELY THE PLANNED AGENDA OF 22-24 APRIL ROME EMS MEETING, ALL AGREED THAT FRENCH REPCOIRIER'S EXPERTISE AND INPUT VITAL TO PROJECT GOAL. IN RESPONSE GEMMA'S SUGGESTION THAT COIRIER PARTICIPATE AS A MODERATOR IN ROME MEETING, FRENCH OFFICIALS CONCURRED, DEPENDING ON COIRIER'S AVAILABILITY. THEY URGED GEMMA MEET DIRECTLY WITH COIRIER, CURRENTLY AT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GENEVA RED CROSS CONFERENCE. MPH INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DIRECTOR DR. MEILLON VOLUNTEERED TO SET UP GEMMA-COIRIER MEETING THROUGH FRENCH MISSION GENEVA, AND WILL INFORM GEMMA OF MEETING TIME, LOCATION VIA SCIATT PARIS (REF C).

4. FRENCH COMMENTS: IN SUMMING UP, DR. TRAZZINI STRESSED THAT BOTH EXPERTISE AND QUANTITY OF FRENCH PARTICIPATION IN ADVANCED HEALTH CARE ACTIVITIES COULD

OFTEN BE INCREASED WITH IMPROVED CCMS MANAGEMENT. CONSIDERABLY EARLIER PLANNING IS NECESSARY FOR REASONS OF BUDGET COMMITMENT AND FOR AVAILABILITY OF PERSONNEL. CARE MUST BE TAKEN THAT TIMING OF CCMS EVENTS DOES NOT CONFLICT WITH OTHER ACTIVITIES IN THE SAME SUBJECT AREA. FINALLY, (AND THIS TRAZZINI REPEATED EMPHATICALLY) CCMS ADVANCED HEALTH CARE PROJECTS MUST USE PROPER CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATIONS: ALL MESSAGES DEALING WITH TRAVEL, MEETINGS OR ANYTHING ELSE REQUIRING GOF EXPENDITURES MUST HENCEFORTH GO THROUGH GOF INTERNATIONAL OFFICES. MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DIRECTOR DR. MEILLON ELABORATED THAT BEST "APPROPRIATE CHANNEL" THROUGH BRUSSELS, I.E., NATO HEADQUARTERS. THIS, MEILLON UNDERLINED, IS THE NORMAL CHANNEL (VOIE NORMALE). FRENCH BRIGHTENED PERCEPTIVELY WHEN DR. GEMMA AND SCIATT DID NOT ATTEMPT T PAPER OVER THESE PROBLEMS, BUT RESPONDED THAT SOLUTIONS SHOULD BE AND ARE BEING SOUGHT.

5. PRECEDING CLEARED IN SUBSTANCE WITH DR. GEMMA.

6. COMMENT: FRENCH PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIALS APPEAR SATISFIED WITH SUBSTANTIVE CCMS WORK, BUT THEY ARE CONSIDERABLY LESS THAN HAPPY WITH SOME OF THE CURRENT OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES AND APPEAR IN EARNEST IN SEEKING IMPROVEMENT.
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